[5th March 1955

*Panchayat Boards in Laccadive Islands*

* 1110 *Q.*—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether there are any panchayat boards in the Laccadive Islands?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" No, Sir."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Will the Government see that the Islanders are rescued from the undemocratic and dictatorial system of Government that has been set up there under an old Regulation—the number of which I do not remember—and set up a Government that is on modern standards? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" It will be examined, Sir."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know whether the Government have got any proposal under consideration to constitute panchayat boards in the Islands? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" No such proposal is with the Government so far."

9 a.m. SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" இந்தத் தீவுகளில் பஞ்சாயத்து போர்ட் அமைக்கவேண்டும் என்று ஏதாகிலும் மனுக்கள் வந்திருக்கின்றனவா ? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" இந்தக் கேள்விக்கு முன்பே பதில் சொல்லிவிட்டேன்."

*Minor Engineering Industries*

* 1111 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Tribunal constituted to enquire into the working of Minor Engineering Industries has completed its work;

(*b*) if so, when; and

(*c*) the number of industries in regard to which enquiries were conducted?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir. The term ' minor industries ' connotes a vast field of industry. The Tripartite Enquiry Committee on the Minor Engineering Industry constituted to enquire into the existing conditions of employment of workers in the industry in respect of work-loads, leave facilities, etc., has however completed its work on 15th April 1954.

" (*c*) Enquiries have been completed by Tripartite Committees in respect of two industries, viz., textiles and minor engineering industries."